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RIG; SEES CONCILIATORY GESTURE BY LIBYANS IN
CONTINENTAL SHELF DISPUTE

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1. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) SEMI-INDEPENDENT TUNIS DAILY "LE
TEMPS" OF MAY 13 CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY THAT SAIPEM HAS
MOVED DRILLING PLATFORM (SCARABEO IV) "WHICH HAS BEEN LOCATED
IN TUNISIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN GULF OF GABES".

2. ARTICLE SAYS "RELIABLE SOURCE" SUGGESTS ITALIAN DRILLING FIRM'S ACTION HAD BEEN REQUESTED BY LIBYA AS CONCILIATORY GESTURE TOWARD TUNISIA. IT SPECULATES WHETHER THIS COULD BE BEGINNING OF END OF COLD WAR BETWEEN THE TWO BROTHER COUNTRIES.

3. SAME SOURCE, ARTICLE CONTINUES, SUGGESTS "EMINENT TUNISIAN PERSONALITY" MAY SOON VISIT TRIPOLI WITH A VIEW TO IMPROVING BILATERAL RELATIONS.

4. (BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL) COMMENT. "LE TEMPS" ARTICLE IS FIRST PUBLIC NOTICE HERE OF MOVEMENT OF "SCARABEO IV" FROM DISPUTED OFFSHORE DRILLING SITE. WE HAVE NO CORROBORATING INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBLE TUNISIAN MISSION TO TRIPOLI NOT WHETHER GOT IN FACT IS SEEKING TO TRAT MOVEMENT OF "SCARABEO IV" AS DIPLOMATIC OPENING IN DISPUTE WITH LIBYA OVER CONTINENTAL SHELF BOUNDARY. "LE TEMPS" INTERPRETATION OF MOVE AS DELIBERATE CONCILIATORY GESTURE ON PART OF LIBYAN GOVERNMENT CLEARLY DOES NOT GIVE TRIPOLI 0623 (NOTAL) REPORT OF ANGRY REACTION TO MOVEMENT OF SCARABEO IV AS CONVEYED MAY 11 TO ITALIAN AMBASSADOR BY LIBYAN FOREIGN MINISTER. (END CONFIDENTIAL).
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